

## House Resolution 2154

By: Representatives Ralston of the 7<sup>th</sup>, England of the 108<sup>th</sup>, and McCall of the 30<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mr. John Barnes on the occasion of his retirement; and for  
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. John Barnes has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the  
4 vital role that he has played in the teaching profession and his deep personal commitment to  
5 the education of the students of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Barnes earned a bachelor's degree and a master's degree from the  
7 University of Georgia and received master's level certification in agriculture education; and

8 WHEREAS, this amazing educator has dedicated 42 years to molding young minds and  
9 challenging students to achieve their utmost potential through his work in the Gilmer County  
10 School System; and

11 WHEREAS, he has led the Gilmer County Future Farmers of America (FFA) Program to  
12 numerous state and national honors, including three Star Chapter and Gold Emblem Awards,  
13 State Chapter Achievement, and Outstanding FFA Alumni Affiliate Honors; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Barnes has earned many accolades and honors in recognition of his  
15 dedicated service to the field of education, including Teacher of the Year for Gilmer County,  
16 Georgia Agriculture Teacher of the Year, and Outstanding Georgia FFA Alumni Member;  
17 and

18 WHEREAS, he has enriched and improved the lives of countless future leaders, serving as  
19 the Gilmer County Young Farmer Advisor since the program's inception and serving as a  
20 member of the Georgia FFA Alumni Council and the Georgia FFA Foundation since the  
21 programs began; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Barnes has taught hundreds of Georgia Planter degree recipients and a large  
23 number of American Farmer degree recipients ; and

24 WHEREAS, in addition to teaching for over four decades, Mr. Barnes operates a cow-calf  
25 operation in Pickens County and serves as a trustee of the Hinton United Methodist Church;  
26 and

27 WHEREAS, in recognition of his contributions to the students in this state, it is abundantly  
28 fitting and proper for this body to honor the extraordinary commitment and accomplishments  
29 of this outstanding individual.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
31 the members of this body heartily and gratefully commend Mr. John Barnes for his over four  
32 decades of sacrifice, foresight, accomplishment, and contributions on behalf of education in  
33 Georgia; recognize him for the positive influence he has had upon the lives and futures of  
34 countless young people in this state; and extend to him best wishes on a healthy and happy  
35 retirement.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
37 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. John Barnes.